

In re Application of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Laurent ALBERA et al \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.